Fair to-day, cloudy to-morrow,

## DITCH OR NOTHING—BELMONT

BETTER NO SUBWAY THAN RUIN. THE MERCHANTS REPLY.

#### Broadway Business Men Not Alarmed by the Report That the Interborough Will Not Bulld Except by an Open Cut -Brooklyn Merchants Are Alarmed.

It was authentically stated yesterday that August Belmont, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, should there be further opposition of a pronounced character to the construction of a subway under Broadway by the ditchdigging process, will write to the Rapid Transit Commissioners withdrawing the application made by the company for the right to build a tunnel between Fortysecond and Fourteenth streets, and adding that even should the commission adhere to the proposed route the Interborough company would not be a bidder for the

The idea is that an independent concern could not build it and operate this line at a profit and that this argument will be used to influence the Rapid Transit Commissioners to follow the same plan of construction that has been followed in the original subway. It is Mr. Belmont's intention not only to withdraw his application for the Broadway franchise, but also to threaten the commis sion that if the Broadway spur should be authorized his company will not bid for that Mr. Belmont will intimate that if the Broadway merchants are opposed to having a subway railroad along the route the Interborough company will be entirely

Mr. Belmont declined to answer any in quiries concerning the action his company would take. "This matter." he said. "has gone beyond the mere withdrawal of our application to tunnel under Broadway. It now rests with the Rapid Transit Commission to determine what method of construction shall be followed. When they have determined that, we will be able to state what course we will follow."

willing to construct a railroad along Seventh

Another statement that can be made on good authority is that the Belmont-McDonald syndicate have decided that they will not bid on a contract for a genuine tunnel under Broadway. They have decided that they will have either a ditch opening or nothing. The reason for this determination, it was ascertained, is that the heads of the syndicate think that they could not make a sixty feet deep tunnel part of their general subway system.

Members of the committee of fifty who are to meet to-day to organize to fight a ditch in Broadway said last night that they would not be bluffed by the president of the Interborough company.

"It seems to us," said one of the organizers of the movement, "that it is presumptuous for the Interborough company to dictate to the Rapid Transit Commission and to the taxpayers of the city. If there is any backbone in the Rapid Transit Commission. the Interborough company will be made to understand that it is not going to be the sole boss of New York just because it has some contracts that make the possibility of dealing with other parties remote. The company ought to be willing to follow the instruction of the Rapid Transit Com- the army to the grade of General only officers mission if the members thereof decide with active field service should be selected.

"If the city as a whole can get along without this branch we can do without it, preference. If the Interborough company can get along without such a valuable connecting link of its lines we can afford to do without it.

"Mr. Belmont no doubt expects to find us very much scared at the prospect of changing the route to Seventh avenue. That is where he is mistaken. Rather than have an open cut in Broadway for three years we would much prefer to have Seventh avenue selected. Broadway will be Broadway as long as New York occupies the island of Manhattan, and Mr. Belmont can't shift Broadway to Seventh avenue by changing the route. The theatres, hotels and shops in Broadway will always be near enough to the transportation lines to hold their paramount place. We won't be scared, and unless we are to be greatly disappointed in the Rapid Transit Commission Mr. Belmont's bluff won't stand

"Some of us who can't stand the strain of a long financial struggle would far rather have Broadway undisturbed than to have any subway branch at all. Let Mr. Belmont take his bankruptcy ditch over to Seventh avenue if he can boss the Rapid Transit Commission."

The c mmittee of fifty will meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Fifth since. Hemorrhages set in about a month Avenue Hotel.

## BROOKLYN MERCHANTS AROUSE D.

James Matthews of the dry goods firm of A. D. Matthews' Sons has called a meetng of the merchants doing business on Fulton street between Borcugh Hall and Flatbush avenue, at the Brooklyn Club next Monday afternoon, to take measures against the ditching of that thoroughfare for the construction of the tunnel. At the conference an organization will be effected. On Nov. 6 Mr. Swanstrom, the President of the borough, met the leading Fulton street merchants at his office and discussed with them the subject of the tunnel. Their views were embedied in this resolution:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that the Board of Rapid Transit Comissioners be respectfully requested to give instructions to their contractors that the vork on that section of the subway in Fulton street between Borough Hall and Flathush avenue, Brooklyn, shall proceed stead- | but I may say that I see no reason why Mr.

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meetng that the work on said subway between the limits stated should be done in three or more sections, each section to be completed, if possible, before work on another is begun. Resolved. That in view of the peculiar re-

ition to the whole of Brooklyn of this porion of Fulton street, the Board of Rapid Fransit Commissioners be requested to take h turther and special measures as their judgment may approve to minimize both the time of construction of this portion of the subway and the necessary loss and inconrenience certain to arise therefrom, not only to the business men along said thorough lares, but to the whole Brooklyn public.

Mr. Swanstrom promptly laid the resolutions before the Rapid Transit Commissicn and received the assurance of that body that the resolutions of the merchants would be carried out to the letter. In spite of these assurances the merchants are apprehensive that the devastation wrough n Fourth avenue and Forty-second street Manhattan, may be repeated in Brooklyn.

Remember, all R. R. tickets bet. N. Y. and Albany are good via Day Line steamers. Music. - Adv.

IN CONFERENCE ON FINANCE. SHEEHAN BACK IN TAMMANY? JAMAICAN TOWNS WIPED OUT.

## Long Night Session of President and Sena tors at Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 12 .- A most important conference between President Roosevelt and the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Finance, composed of Senators Spooner of Wisconsin, Allison of Iowa, Platt of Connecticut and Aldrich of Rhode Island, is being held to-night at Sagamore Hill.

The distinguished party got here this fternoon on the steam yacht Virginia, belonging to a son of ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower. They came across the Sound from Warwick, Senator Aldrich's summer home, where a conference over the proposed financial legis-

lation had been going on for several days. Senator Spooner said, before going to Sagamore, that the party had come to talk over "many important matters" with Mr. Roosevelt. He said he did not care to say anything at present about financial legislation. From another source it was earned that the proposed bill has not been fully drafted, but the measures which the sub-committee wants to embody in it have been put in such form that the President can pass on them readily.

Mr. Roosevelt's views, it can be said, will predominate in the preparation of the

The President has already announced that he most earnestly desires that the bill be ready for introduction in the special session of Congress which will convene on Nov. 9, the contract. It is understood further and the members of the sub-committee also, it was said to-night, are in favor of bringing the measure up at that time, and assigning to it a place of importance on the calendar second only, if at all, to Cuban reciprocity.

The conference to-night, it can be said. proceeding along the lines laid down by the President in his speeches, in which Mr. Roosevelt advocates legislation looking toward a more elastic currency system, and one which will be less susceptible than the present to the fluctuations of values.

The committee will remain with the President over night, and the conference will probably be continued to-morrow

#### FEELING AGAINST WOOD SPREADS Opposition to His Promotion Very Strong Among Civil War Veterans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 .- Authoritative advices received by army officers here say that a general movement for the purpose of having the Grand Encampment of the G. A. R. declare against the promotion of Gen. Leonard Wood to be Major-General in the army has begun, and that it is rapidly

extending throughout the country. Copies of the resolutions referred to in THE SUN this morning have been distributed to many of the important State organizations, and an army officer of prominence said to-day that he was certain the resolutions would meet with unqualified ap-

It was learned this afternoon that while the resolutions are very strongly worded they do not mention Gen. Wood by name, but do declare that it is the opinion of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic that in the promotion of officers of It is resolved further that officers having the longest active field service should get the

#### DOCTORS CALLED BY J. W. GATES. He Has Dysentery, With Hemorrhages-Operation, Says Dr. McBurney.

SARATOGA, Aug. 12 .- John W. Gates has a stubborn case of dysentery, accom-

panied by hemorrhages. Mr. Gates was ill when he arrived here with his family nearly three weeks ago. He made light of his illness, however, until late last week, when, at the solicitation of his family and friends, he called Dr. Calvin S. May of New York. Yesterday afternoon, after he got back from the races to his cottage at the United States Hotel, Mr. Gates seemed not to be so well. and the family suggested that a surgeon be called in consultation with the physician.

A preference was expressed for Dr. Charles McBurney, who is an old friend of Dr. May. The latter happened to know that Dr. McBurney was at his country place at Stockbridge, Mass., and telegraphed for him at once. He arrived late last evening. The surgeon and physician examined Mr. Gates this morning.

Mr. Gates was taken with dysentery last March and he has suffered from it ever ago and there was a recurrence of these at more or less frequent intervals until last Saturday, when there was a response to Dr. May's treatment and there have been no hemorrhages for three days. It is believed that they have been checked for

good. Dr. McBurney made a thorough examination of the patient this morning, and when it was over he said there was no need of an operation now and he saw no reason for the contemplation of one. Further than that, he agreed in all details with the treatment prescribed by Dr. May, and returned to Stockbridge soon after the consultation. To The Sun correspondent Dr. May made the following statement this evening:

"Mr. Gates's condition is not at all danger ous. With the exception of to-day, he has been to the races nearly every day. It is not the business of a physician to predict, Gates should not be restored to perfect health. Laymen, and particularly the laymen of Wall Street, may get, perhaps, a better notion of Mr. Gates's condition when it is stated that he spends no more time in bed than the average well man, and that to-night he received his friends in his cottage and smoked his usual number of fat

## CANAL BOARD AFLOAT On the B. B. Odell, Jr., LL. D., Looking

for Hidy-Holes for State Money Attorney-General John Cunneen, who is the one Democratic member of the Canal Board. said last night that he was going to Albany to-day and on Friday morning would start with the other members of the board on an inspection trip of the canals. The board will start from Cohoes, tour the Champlan Canal, then the Oswego Canal and then up the Erie to Buffalo. Super-intendent of Public Works Boyd will point

out spots where he thinks State money should be deposited.

The stanch State tug the Benjamin B.

#### A MEETING WITH MURPHY AT SARATOGA EXPECTED.

#### Borough Presidency Seems to Tim Sullivan Too Big a Consideration for the G. N. Y. D. Vote-Hill Has a Finger in the Pie-Cantor to Be at the Talk.

John C. Sheehan, who has been at Saratoga for some days, came down to New York yesterday, used his telephone diligently and went back to the Spa last night. Jacob A. Cantor, Borough President, who, Halifax were damaged with Mr. Sheehan, is supposed to control the policies of the Greater New York Democracy, is at Saratoga. Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, will go up on an early train Monday morning. David B. Hill will be there

It got out last night that Murphy, Shee han and Cantor are to have a talk some time Monday which may determine the course of the Greater New York Democracy in the coming municipal campaign. Borough President Cantor's anxiety to get back into Tammany Hall has been evident for a long time. For six months the Sullivans have been able to get anything they wanted from the Borough President's office-and much that other people wanted as well. Big Tim and Little Tim have had the entrée Mr. Cantor's office at all hours.

When on the eve of his vacation Mr. Cantor announced that on his return he would make a formal statement that he did not intend to stand for the fusion nomination for Borough President, it was construed by his friends as a sign that if he went over to Tammany he did not intend to | leave ground for the charge that personal disappointment had instigated him.

It has long rankled in Mr. Cantor's breast that the fusion forces have not held him in the same sanctity as Mayor Low and other figures of the administration, and he has more than once hinted that this distinction came of his politics. Whenever Mayor Low was assailed, say Mr. Cantor's | destroyed. friends, the whole fusion outfit sprang to his defence, but when ill things were said of Mr. Cantor's administration the fusion leaders sat back and remembered that he was a Democrat. Then it came as a fuse to Mr. Cantor's accumulated store of passion that the chairman of the July Grand Jury, who, Mr. Cantor says, had been an applicant for an appointment from him with the support of fusion elements, brought in a presentment against him because of the condition of the asphalt pavements.

Mr. Sheehan is ill at ease out of Tammany and sees in the situation in the Ninth ar opportunity to drive a bargain. He isn't possibility of Low's reelection holds out no promise to him. So, while he was not tor was, it is known to the big men in the Wigwam that he will go back among the braves if the terms are right. Not only has Sheehan his share in the control of the Greater New York Democracy as a basis of exchange, but he is an element in the ght in the Ninth.

The combined vote polled in the last primaries by Sheehan and Goodwin would have beaten Devery out of sight. The have beaten Devery out of sight. The followers of Devery are now asserting that the Sheehan following is with them but in joining with Devery against Murphy's man Goodwin, Sheehan can gain nothing but a sentimental victory. A more substantial expansional in the stantial expansion of the stantial expansi

Survival and the sentimental viotory. A more substantial arrangement may be made if Mr. Murphy is willing.

A few months ago it did not look as if Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sheehan could be brought together or that Mr. Sheehan could offer anything which would induce Mr. Murphy to take him back into Tammany. Just what appraisal Mr. Sheehan puts on what he can deliver to Mr. Murphy he may make known to the leader of Tar many next Monday. It is understood that Mr. Murphy is more anxious to take that Mr. Murphy is more anxious to take
the Greater New York Democracy out
of the coming campaign than he is to quiet
Herman Ridder and his German-American
Reform Union. With the G. N. Y. D. making no nominations or endorsing the Tammany ticket, Mr. Murphy believes he can
make the issue a straight-out one between
Democrats and Republicans and that such
a campaign can have but one result the

a campaign can have but one result, the election of the Tammany ticket.

Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Cantor have been informed that Mr. Murphy will put no false value on their goods, believing that the Tammany ticket can prevail against the same organizations that shared in the fusion campaign of two years ago, but disposed to barter if it's worth while. For their compensation, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Cantor would like to name the candidate or Borough President and to reente l'ammany, their past sins forgiven.

Sheehan wants to be recognized i the Ninth if he joins with Goodwin against Devery. Mr. Murphy is quite anxious that Devery shall not have the prestige of another victory at the primaries, but does not intend to let so able a politician as Mr Sheehan get into the Executive Committee might stay some ambitions and uble Big Tim Sullivan is unwhere he might stay some amoutons and make trouble Big Tim Sullivan is un-willing that the Borough Presidency should be put in hands that might turn hestile. More than \$20,000,000 of patronage will pass through the office next year.

Messrs. Sheehan and Cantor are pro-

ceeding on the supposition that Low will be the fusion candidate. David B. Hill, who used to be so close to William F. Sheehan that the Blue-Eyed once complained of stone bruises therefrom, has interested himself in the conversion of William's brother John. Mr. Hill contends that be his support to a Republican candi-or Mayor, Mr. Sheehan will be advancing the Republican cause in State and nation in 1904. This, or some weightier argument influenced Mr. Sheehan to give up his handsome summer home at Long Branch and take himself to Saratoga. Mr. Cantor is coming down to New York on Tuesday to attend a special meeting of the Brand of Estimate and Apportic nment which is to deal with his street sign contract. Mr. Sheehan is expected back on that day, too, and if the negotiations with Mr. Murphy have pre-gressed pleas-antly a conference of the Executive Com-mittee of the Greater New York Democracy

nav be called. Sheeban and Cantor should carry the G. N. Y. D. over to Tammany where would William Hepburn Russell be? That's what the Tammany lights were asking last night as they curled up on their cushic us. Maroched, was the answer they gave

Mr. Russell is one of the Mayor's Com missioners of Accounts and reported to the Mayor a vast lot of things about the Murphy Dock Board, some of which have been printed and the rest the Mayor has in his pigeonholes. When Mr. Russell was elected chairman of the Executive Committee for this year Mr. Cantor demanded to know where he would stand in a division between the organization and the other fusion bodies of 1901. Mr. Russell said he didn't care for his job and he'd stand with the organization.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens

Union will meet to-day to call the conven-One of the Cits' ideas for this cam paign is to run as many public spirited millionaires for Aldermen as can be prevailed on to stand.

Secretary Root in Town.

Secretary Root was at his town house,

25 East Sixty-fifth street, last night. He had nothing to tell the reporters. Latest Marine Intelligence.

The stanch State tug the Benjamin B. Arrive\*: Ss Catania, Parbados, Aug. 4: as Odell, Jr., LL. D., will carry the voyagers. Dorado, Galveston, Aug. 6

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#### Port Antonio Chief Sufferer From the Cyclone-Some Lives Lost. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 11 (de layed) .- A hurricane swept over this island last night. The banana industry has been almost wiped out. The city of Kingston suffered considerable damage,

especially in the suburbs. The vessels in Kingston harbor also suffered severely The American schooner Rescue and the brigantine Galatea from

plants and the street car system were wrecked The damage will amount to about \$3.-

The railway, telegraph and electric light

000,000 The wind is still very high to-day and further damage is apprehended The steamship Ellida, which went ashor

last Thursday, was floated last night and

is now safe. She plies between Galveston and the West I des LONDON, Aug. 13 .-- A despatch to the Telegraph from Kingston, Jamaica, says that a cyclone on Tueslay night did immense damage on the island. It ruined the banana plantations and destroyed and

unroofed houses. The damage is placed 1 at \$10,000,000. Several towns on the east and north sides of the island were wiped out com-

pletely Port Antonio, it is reported, was completely overwhelmed. Only six houses were left standing. The United Fruit Company's buildings were blown down and five of the company's steamers driven ashore

The loss of life in some districts is said to be very large. Thousands are homeless and starving. Kingston was completely cut off from

The United Fruit Company is the greates financial sufferer. All its plantations were

The railways and telegraphs are interrupted. A heavy rain is still falling and high winds continue. Business is practically suspended.

#### CONSIDER POPE'S CASE SERIOUS. Correspondents Say Belief in Vatican Is That He Has Heart Disease.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 13.-Despatches from Rome continue to refer to the fainting fit of the Pope while celebrating mass in the Pauline Chapel on Tuesday as a serious incident. One correspondent says that a prelate who assisted in carrying the Pope from the chapel heard a noise in his chest of an alarming character. He believes that the Pope has heart disease.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the belief that the Pope is a sufferer from heart disease prevails at the Vatican, where it is thought his Pontificate will be short.

The doctors now say that the Pope sleeps tranquilly for the first time since his election. It is understood that Cardinals Satolli, Gotti, Rampolla and Mocenni have been appointed to administer the Vatican flnances. Large measures of financial reform are expected.

#### CONE OF VESUVIUS SPLITS. Lava Now Flows From the South Side -Earthquakes in Mount Etna District.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN NAPLES, Aug. 12.-The volcano of Mount Vesuvius displays renewed activity. The emitting a new stream of lava from the south side.

ROME, Aug. 12.-There have been earthquake shocks throughout southern Italy and eastern Sicily. At Mineo, near Mount Etna, some houses fell and others were ruined. The inhabitants are compelled to sleep in the fields. The seismic disturbances have extended to Malta and to Greece. Mount Etna, the centre of the disturbed area, is inactive.

#### COUNTESS WEDS, DROPS TITLE. Earl of Rosslyn's Divorced Wife Marries Charles Jarrott, Automobilist.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Aug. 12 .- Mr. Charles Jarrott the well-known automobilist who represented Great Britain in the recent race in Ireland for the international cup, married to-day the Countess of Rosslyn

The Countess of Rosslyn announces that she will drop her title and henceforth be known as Mrs. Charles Jarrott. The acquaintance between the couple began a year ago, when the Countess's motor car broke down on the road. Jarrott repaired it and this meeting led to a warm friend-

Jarrott is under 30 years of age. He was educated at Cambridge University, where he won many prizes for bicycling, riding, ready to sail as soon as the Navy Departswimming and running. He is now a motor manufacturer. The honeymoon will be spent on an automobile tour.

The Earl of Rosslyn divorced his Countess last year. They were married in 1890 and have two children, a son and a dat ghter.
The Countess was Miss Violet Aline Vyner. The Countess was Miss Violet Aline Vyner. Mr. Charles Frohman presented the Earl to the New York public three or four seasons aro and he took parts in various plays here under the name of James Erskine. His engagement to Miss Beatrice Irwin, at actress, was announced here last season while they were playing in the same company at the Garrick, but it was subsequently broken off.

#### ON DENYING BAIL TO CHILDREN. Justice Freedman's Opinion of Police Court Pint-of-Beer Practice.

"Under all circumstances, regardless of any law to the contrary," said Justice Freedman in the Supreme Court vesterday. "this court will exercise its right to admit such prisoners as this to bail. Children are wards of the court and are always entitled to its protection. It is an outrage that a tired mechanic's child, going for a pint of beer, may be cast into prison like a common criminal and actually deprived

He discharged from custody Morris Moses, a fourteen-year-old boy of 1857 Second avenue, who was committed to the Gerry society as a witness against a liquor dealer. The liquor dealer is accused of selling the boy a pint of beer his father had sent him for. The boy was committed by Magistrate Crane without bail in accord ance with the practice in committing chil-

dren as witnesses to the Gerry society.

C. L. Hoffman got a writ of habeas corpus and disputed the constitutionality of the mointing out that under it a child s to the Gerry society practice, pointing out that under it a child might be kept locked up for weeks and months without any remedy.

## MASSACHUSETTS HITS A ROCK.

### BATTLESHIP DAMAGED SLIGHTLY AND PUTS BACK.

#### Had Started With the Fleet in a Dense Fog for Oyster Bay-Struck Dry Ledge -Plate Broken on the Port Bow-Only Two of Her Compartments Flooded

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 12.-The first accident of the summer naval war game of the North Atlantic fleet, or, as Capt. Joseph G. Eaton puts it, the first serious in cident, happened this afteroon at 12:28 o'clock, when the battleship Massa thusetts ran on a rock pinnacle projecting from Dry Ledge, the southwesterly point of Egg Rock, as she was leaving here with the fleet for Oyster Bay. The accident occurred about three miles southeast of Bar Harbor. The battleship did not run into the rock, but just grazed it withher port bow, twenty-four feet under her waterline, which is two feet

The result of the collision was a crack in the metal plate large enough to ac'mit three fingers of a man's hand. This crack gave the water admission to two of the 140 compartments into which the hull of the ship is divided, and so was far from serious. The ship might have thirty or forty compartments filled and yet be in no danger of sinking.

The coast to-day was enveloped with the thickest fog that has blown in here this summer, and it was impossible for the watch officers of the battleship to see more than 100 feet ahead of the ship at the time she struck. Extra precautions had been taken as it was considered to be dangerous sail ing. Five officers were on the lookout in front of the pilot house, instead of the two who have regular duty there. Among these was Capt. Eaton himself. Before the Massachusetts struck, she was over pretty close to shore. When the ship was passing Long Porcupine Island, the fog lifted for a few minutes and the captain found his ship less than 100 feet from the

It was a surprise to many that Admiral Barker set sail in so thick a fog. Had the Admiral deferred his departure for two hours, the accident would not have happened, as the fog lifted noticeably by 2 o'clock. The Massachusetts was the most easterly ship in the formation and she was off the port side of the Texas, though she was unable to see that ship, owing to the density of the fog. Soundings were taken constantly. Just before the ship struck, sixteen fathoms was reported to the Captain, and just afterward the soundings showed ten fathoms.

Capt. Eaton said to-night that his ship was in her course, according to the chart, and this is possible, as there are many deep rocks and pinnacles which are not on the charts. It is not often that a big boat comes up it to these waters. The torpedo-boat destroyers, which have been making soundings here, have found several rocks that are not on the charts. I is not probable that it will take much work to repair the ship. Her injury was not so serious that she could not have gone on, but Capt. Eaton thought it safer to bring her back into the harbor and have divers examine the break carefully.

Capt. Eaton said to-night that he was ready to sail as soon as he received word from the Navy Department. The crew was kept busy to-night shifting the ammunition from the forward part of the ship aft to keep the boat on an even keel. About 140 tons of water entered through the little crack, 120 tons of which is in one of the compartments. Had the accicone of the crater has split and crumbled, dent happened a little nearer the middle of the boat not nearly so much water would have been taken in as the compartments there are much smaller.

At the time of the accident the best of discipline prevailed. The jar of the collision was felt by the officers, and they at once sent an orderly below to see what was wrong. The danger signal, the siren whistle, was then blown and every man jumped to his place without the slightest excitement. All of the compartments were closed, the murine corps was at its station at the lifeboats, and every jacky was at

his post. The danger signal at once drew the Indiana, which is a sister ship of the Massachusetts, the Scorpion and three destroyers to her side, and the Admiral sent these boats to accompany the injured ship back to the harbor. As soon as the harbor was reached the destroyers were sent back to the fleet, but the Scorpion and Indiana stayed during the night, and they will probably rejoin the fleet to-morrow.

Capt. Eaton said to-night: "We are all right, and if the incident had happened in deep sea we should have kept rig't on sailing, but under the circumstances it seemed best to come back. The fog was the thickest we have had during the manœuvres, and we could not see half the ship's length ahead of us. We are ment notifies us where we are tordrydock.

"It was just as if you bruised your shoulder in passing through a door. We may have been standing a bit too near the eastward and the tide was carrying us in considerably, as it was only an hour.

before high tide." This is not the first accident that has taken place on this ledge of rock. Several ships have struck it, and some have gone down there. An old seaman said to-night: "We've been hollerin' a long time : buoy out there, and now, maybe, we'll get i

The last ship to run onto the ledge was the Julia Ann, a fishing schooner. She was returning from a haul when she struck the rock and went down with her full cargo and crew.

The naval fleet left here shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. In the fleet, besides the Massachusetts and those vessels which returned with her, were the kear-sarge, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Olympia, Baltimore, Topeka, Yankee, Panther, Prairie and the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla. The fleet will go directly to Oyster Bay, where it will be reviewed by the Presi dent and then return to Rockland, Me., where it will coal, in preparation for the joint army and navy manœuvres off Portland

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 12 .- During the last four weeks nearly sixty miles of calle has been laid in Casco Bay in anticipation of the coming war game. Every fort and every point of prominence within a radius of ten miles of the harbor side of the city has been connected by telephone or is to be guarded by a searchight. be guarded by a searchlight

The furthest point connected by tele-phone is Jewell's Island, near Harpswell. rom which the approach of the "enemy from the east can be reported quickly. Coming from the west, the station at Two Lights will give a warning long before a squadron could reach this port

The Frontenac Hotel, 1,000 Islands, St. Lawrence River, N. Y. Nature's greatest summer resort. Open through September.—Adv.

## CUT THE NEGRO DOWN.

#### He Was Being Lynched by a Mob on Su picion of an Assault.

WHITESBORO, Tex., Aug. 12 .- About noon o-day a negro attempted to assault Mrs. Ezra Hart, a white woman. Two hours later a suspect was arrested and was being held for identification when a mob took him from the posse and strung him up to the limb of a tree. Fortunately police from Sherman arrived on the scene and cut the rope, letting the half-strangled man fall to the ground. He was resuscitated and taken to Sherman for safekeeping.

#### PIECE OF ANDREE'S BALLOON? A. O. Keller Back From the Mackenzle District With an Exhibit.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12 .- A. O. Keller is the late t man to present an Andrée balloon story to the world. He arrived here yesterday from the Mackenzie district, one of

the northernmost points of Canada. He says that while there the Indians told him by signs of how a white man had come down from the clouds in a balloon and that they were afraid and is a away. When they returned the white man had dis ppeared, but the wrecked balloon was still there and had been gradually broken up and distributed among the Indians. Keller exhibits a piece of silk which the Indians told him was torn from the balloon. Twenty years ago Keller was one of the best known followers of the turf in the eastern United States. He is now a

### OPPOSES ROOSEVELT POLICY. Negro Attitude and Wood's Promotion

North.

Cause a Southern Leader to Quit. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12 .- C. Doucet, the vice-president of the Republican Executive Committee of Lafavette, has joined the bolters who oppose the Roosevelt negro policy. In appealing to the other white Republicans to join him, Mr. Doucet denounces the "negrophilism" of the President and his efforts to force social equality as part and parcel of good Republicanism, "making it utterly impossible for any decent, self-respecting Southern Republican to longer affiliate with the Republican party, and the favoritism which has made it possible for an obscure army Surgeon to rise so rapidly that to-day he stands within measurable distance of the commandership of the United States Army, over the heads of two score of veterans who have grown gray in the service of their country."

#### BRYAN SAYS HE SAID IT. He Reiterates That Grover Cleveland Is a Bunco Steerer.

Indianapolis, Aug. 12.-The denunciation by W. J. Bryan of Grover Cleveland as a bunco steerer was doubted here by many of Bryan's friends. He reached here to-day and was asked about the speech. He said

"That is what he is. I was correctly nuoted. I said it, and I mean it. "What would you and your followers do

If Grover Cleveland should be nominated for President?" "Suppose the moon is made of green heese, and suppose it should fall at your feet. Would you stop to consider now whether or not you would eat the cheese?

# falling at your feet as a hunk of green

tion of Cleveland than there is of the moon

Home County in Albany. Albany, Aug. 12.-Representative Lucius N. Littauer was in town to-night conferring with several of his political lieutenants from his home county of Fulton. Postmaster Cy Durey of Johnstown took up most of Mr. Littauer's time, although he had a talk with Representative George N. South-

wick of Albany. Ex-Representative Louis W. Emerson of Warrensburgh, whom Mr. Littauer defeated for the nomination for Congress, also was in town to-day. Mr. Littauer would say nothing regarding glove con-

## EX-GOV. LUBBOCK, 90, WEDS. His Bride Is Miss Louise Scott, 28 Years

Old. DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 12. - Ex-Gov. Lubbock, 90 years old, was married to-day at Abilene, Tex., to Miss Louise Scott, aged

28. They went to Fort Worth.

#### ELEPHANT KILLS A ZEBRA. Tommy, a Bad Resident of Coney Island, Now a Murderer.

Tommy, the elephant who ripped up his cage at Coney Island the other day, yesterday killed a zebra said to have been bought from Cecil Rhodes and worth \$2,300. Tommy, since he wrecked his cage, has been kept in a grass plot outside of the show quarters. The grass-eating animals of the show have been allowed to wander around this plot, and it was not thought that any one of them would go near enough to the beast to get hurt. The zebra, how-ever, got within reach of Tommy and the

## STEALS \$45,000, WRECKS BANK. Duluth Bookkeeper Says He Lost the Money

elephant broke the back of the striped

in Stock Speculation. DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 12.-E. E. Johnson, bookkeeper for the Commercial Banking Company of this city, was arrested here this evening on a warrant charging him with the embezzlement of \$45,000 of the bank's money. Johnson declared he had squande: eithe money in stock speculation.

President Charles F. Leland of the banking company said this evening that the institution will not be open for business in the morning. "I am a guind man" in the morning. "I am a ruined man," said he, "and the efforts of years have been wiped away by the embezziement

#### ALL ELEVATED TRAINS STOP For 20 Minutes, After Midnight, With the Power Off.

From midnight until 12:20 this morning the trains on all the elevated roads were at a standstill. The power was off the third rail owing to a mishap of some kind in the main power house, at the foot of East Seventy-fourth street. The operator at the 138th street station was the first to signal a general block when a train at his station stopped and could not move out.

It was explained at the main power house that two engines had given out and that it took twenty minutes to couple on two new engines.

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## PRICE TWO CENTS. FIRED ON AN AMERICAN TUG.

# CANADIAN CUTTER RIDDLES A

## FISHING VESSEL. The Tug Silver Spray Got Near Canadian

Waters in Lake Erie-Was Signalled

to Stop and Ran Away-Ten Shots Fired Before the Chase Was Given Up. ERIE, Pa., Aug. 12.—The fishing tug Silver Spray came into this port at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon riddled with shot fired by the Canadian revenue cutter

Petrel. Capt. Shaw said that the Canadian

cutter was not justified in firing upon him, and he will report the matter to the Secretary of State. According to the captain's story his tug was cruising near where the imaginary line between the two countries lies. He is sure that he was not in Canadian waters and at any rate had not dropped his nets. and there were no fish on board. The cutter came on him before he was aware of her approach, and blew her whistle for him to stand by. She put her helm to

The two vessels passed, and as the tug was the faster of the two Capt. Shaw, remembering the fate of the other tugs which have been taken by the Petrel, put on full steam and made for this port. The cutter again signalled for him to stop. and as the tug kept going on she opened

starboard and he steered hard to port.

believing that it was her intention to ram

mining man having large interests in the In all ten shots took effect, lodging for the most part in the cabin and rigging of the tug. After chasing the tug for a mile the cutter gave up the pursuit, and the Silver Spray reached port. No one was wounded, although one of the crew was scratched on the face with a splinter and another shot came within a few inches of Capt. Shaw's head.

#### DIDN'T KNOW COUNT PRIMOLI. Society Women Were Offended Because He

Took Snap Shots of Them. NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 12.-An incident is being told by the cottagers in which Count Louis Primoli of Rome figures. He arrived at Newport several days ago. and was not generally known by the cottagers. On Monday morning he appeared on the avenue with camera in one hand and a box of plates slung over his shoulder. He was dressed in khaki uniform and

persisted in taking photographs of all the ladies in the summer colony. The Count paraded up and down in front of the Casino for hours, and did not hesitate to walk up to a woman, point the

camera at her and press the button. The women became indignant, and several were heard to complain of the actions of the Count, then unknown to them.

On Monday night when the guests assembled at Beechwood for the ball given by Mrs. Astor they were surprised to find the photographer in the ballroom mingling with the guests. There were many inquiries as to who

women then thought that it was a good joke, and it got to the ears of the Count that he had offended the ladies He explained that he was taking the There is no more probability of the nomina- pictures for a series of many thousands which he had taken all over the world. The society women then forgave him. He is

he was, and finally he was introduced

all around as Count Primoli of Rome. The

#### now well established here. LITTAUER SEES LIEUTENANTS. BAD MAN, GOOD CIGAR, GONE Confers With Political Friends From His Said a Man Who Jumped From Ferryboat

Into North River. "There goes a good cigar," said a man in a blue serge suit on the ferryboat Philadelphia, as she entered her slip at West Twenty-third street, at 11:30 o'clock last night. "And here goes a bad man," he added, as he jumped overboard.

#### The body was not recovered. BRITTON'S TWO WIVES.

Wrote Often to the First, but Kent His Residence a Secret for Years. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Aug. 12 .- Frank J. Britton, the manager of an insurance company here, was arrested to-day on a charge of bigamy, made by his first wife, who was Miss Lizzie Flynn of Cambridge, Mass. She says he married her in 1886. when he was 18 years old, that he deserted

ther in 1890 and then married the daughter of George Nios, a local hotel-keeper.

In the dozen years of their separation, she says, he wrote to her every month, mailing his letters in New York city to lide mailing his letters in New York city to I ide from her his residence in Mount Vernon. He was a special policeman here for seven years, and made many arrests, but was always anxious to keep his name out of the newspapers. His attitude on that point is, of course, plain now. The Cambridge woman learned his whereabouts only the other day. Bretton says he won a suit for separation against his first wife suit for separation against his first wifand thought he had a right to marry again. His first wife has a daughter sixteen years old, his second has two children.

#### MINE CONTROL SOLD FOR \$5,000,000 Guggenheims and Whitney-Ryan Syndicate Get Majority of Portland Shares.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 12.—The sale of control of the Portland, Cripple Creek's greatest gold mine, for \$5,000,000, to the Guggenheims and the Whitney-Ryan syndicate, is announced. James F. Burns, president of the Portland Company, and Irving Howlett, a Colorado Springs banker, sold 1,900,000 shares.

The Stratton estate owns 650,000 shares and the remainder of the stock is scattered. The purchasers bought on the strength of John Hays Hammond's report that in ad-dition to the enormous ore bodies of the Portland the main vein of Stratton's Independence mine dips into Portland ground and will prolong its great output of rich ore indefinitely.

## TOM JOHNSON MEN BOLT.

#### Organize a Rump County Convention in Cincinnati After a Rumpus.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12.-A Democratic convention to select delegates to the State convention was held here to-day during which stormy scenes were frequent. It was a fight between Lewis Bernard for John L. Zimmerman on one side and the Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, for Tom Johnson, on the other.

After a losing fight to secure representa-

tion in the delegation the Bigelow people held a rump convention immediately at the Vine Street Congregational Church.

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